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In re Application of:

Robert Jan Jonker

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For: APARATUS AND METHOD FOR TESTING:

SAMPLES OF A SOLID MATERIAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Sir,

This is in response to an Office Action mailed on July 2, 2003, rejecting instant claims 9-11 and withdrawing claims 1-8 due to a restriction requirement, which are all the claims pending in the present application.

In the Claims

Attached are the instant claims, marked-up to show amendments.

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

Applicants affirm election of Group II, claims 9-11, with traverse.

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